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The Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center

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First PPGLCC Family Night: May 20

by Donald Johnson

Come join us for our first monthly "Family Night" social gathering 4-7 pm on Friday, May 20 at the PPGL Community Center. Free food and drinks will be provided and children are welcome.

Many people have urgently requested new ways to meet people in the Colorado Springs gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. So last month the PPGLC Board of Directors voted to sponsor a "Family Night" on the third Friday of every month.

According to the PPGLCC by-laws, one mission of our organization "is to promote a sense of community among lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people."

"That's exactly what we want to do with these new monthly social gatherings," said PPGLCC President Martin Meier. "We want to help create a real experience of sharing and family and community. We really need that here in Colorado Springs."

Martin also explained that he

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PPGLCC Welcomes Three New Board Members

by Greg Varner

The board of directors of the Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center has announced the election of three new board members.

Donald Johnson, whom many of you already know for the active role he has taken around the PPGLCC offices, was recently elected to the board of directors, and was elected Board Secretary at the April 12 board meeting. Donald is relatively new to Colorado Springs but has jumped in with both feet into the untested waters of running the

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Photo: Jim Lundy

New board members Andy Wiegert and Nori Rost read the fine print in the Center's library.

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The mission of the Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center is:
to assist lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people in reaching their full potential as human beings.

to promote understanding, cooperation and a sense of community among lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people,

to promote, within society at large, an appreciation of the history, culture and contributions of lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people,

to assist society at large in understanding the lives of lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people,

to promote acceptance by society at large of lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people.

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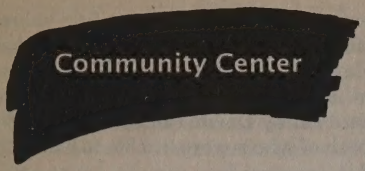
The PPGLCC Provides You Local Support

The Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center uses the advertising revenue from Community Vision and money from annual dues (and generous donations!) to sponsor and finance the following activities:

- The annual Community Congress
- The annual Pride Week, including the Pride Parade
- The Anti-Violence Project
- The Helpline, answering over 1000 calls for information per year
- Referrals to 24 support groups and organizations in the Pikes Peak Area
- Publishing of *Community Vision* monthly
- Building and supporting our region's lesbian, gay and bisexual community



Minutes of the April 12 Board Meeting

The April 12 meeting of the PPGLCC board of directors, held in the Community Center office, was attended by Chris Baka, Tamara Bartlett, Bruce Coriell, Margi Duncombe, A.E., Tami Gaylor, Donald Johnson, Martin Meier and Marion Muhme. Guests attending were Ramona Lidmila, William Shaffer, Andy Wiegert, Bill Witt, Nori Rost and Jane Williams.

After presentation of financial reports, including the quarterly Bingo report, discussions were held on the PrideFest parade banner, long distance telephone service at the community center office, the purchase of additional computer equipment and access to our building after 6:00 pm.

The Board voted to hold a monthly social event at the community center on the third Friday of every month, beginning on May 20. The other action item was the election of Donald Johnson as board secretary, and the election of Nori Rost and Andy Wiegert as directors.

Chris Baka gave a report on a planned May 1 Cripple Creek fund raiser for PrideFest; Andy reported on the PrideFest film festival, Grand Marshall Jose Zuniga, the logo, mailing and projected costs.

Bruce Coriell reported on the planning progress of a fund raising project, national in scope, which was begun several months ago.

Additional discussions were held on *New Phazes* and its relationship with the PPGLCC, and possible changes in either membership requirements or costs for the PPGLCC.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be on Tuesday, May 10, at the PPGLCC offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Johnson,
Secretary ▼

PPGLCC
Board of Directors Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 pm
PPGLCC Office
121 E. Pikes Peak

Treasurer's Report

APRIL INCOME		
Donations	45.66	
Memberships	125.00	
Advertising	37.50	
TOTAL INCOME		208.16
APRIL EXPENSES		
Dues & Subscriptions	65.00	
Office Supplies	0.00	
Postage	40.00	
Printing	406.14	
Telephone	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		511.14
EXCESS INCOME		(302.98)

The above figures represent only money deposited and spent through the Operating account. Income and expenses through the Bingo account are reported quarterly.

Respectfully submitted,
AE, Treasurer ▼

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saw the Family Nights as a chance for people to meet early Friday evening and still have time to go out for a movie or meal afterwards. "It's a chance for people to meet and then plan something for the evening or the weekend, either as couples or small groups."

New Board member Andy Wiegert is also enthusiastic about the idea. "There are a lot of gay-friendly places downtown that people can go to afterwards. Rosie's Restaurant and La Baguette downstairs from the Community Center. Poor Richards and Kimball's Cinema on North Tejon. Dale Street Cafe. Beckett's. 'Porgy and Bess' at the Pikes Peak Center."

The Family Night is open to all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their friends. "Family," you should realize, refers to our community in general, and not a family in the more traditional sense. We are all family, and this night is for all of us! For more information, call 471-4GAY or 471-4429. ▼

NEW BOARD MEMBERS...from page 1

community center's office. He has filled in the gaps left when the center's office coordinator could no longer work. You'll find him answering the phone, getting the computer organized, scheduling activities and teaching classes.

Nori Rost is a new director. Nori moved to Colorado Springs from San Diego last summer. She is the new pastor of the Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church, and is already hard at work providing services to members of our community, both through MCC and the community center.

Andy Wiegert is the third new director. Andy is a Colorado Springs native whose first volunteer position has been to help ease the personnel shortage at Thursday night Bingo games.

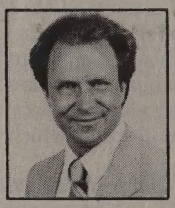
These three new directors are filling vacancies on the board left by David Tidmore and Weldon Walker, both of whom were unable to finish their terms. ▼

PPGLCC Library Report

by Jacquelyn Beyer

There is a collection of books available for circulation in the Information Room at the Community Center (121 E. Pikes Peak, 4th floor). A library should be more than just a place to check out books -- we need our own resource base to address questions anyone asks in coping with a hostile society; to overcome falsehoods (excuse me, lies), ignorance (especially our own), and stereotypes; to share the fun, humor, poignancy, sensibility and vigor found in the lesbian and gay male voices from times past as well as now.

We are not ready to do all of this now and we wil need your interest, presence (sometimes as volunteers), suggestions and donations of books, memorabilia, writings, interviews, tapes, etc. We can make



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1. There will be a shelf of exchange books. Bring one in exchange. Duplicates and non relevant books will be in that section. There may even be a continuing paperback exchange. Don't forget to become a documented borrower.

2. When you respond to bibliophilic impulses and splurge on books at your favorite book store, remember us and buy one more for the shelves. I will have a list of book stores where used titles include gay and lesbian themes.

3. If there is a need to review your own collection -- because you have duplicates, need space, you find a book you can survive without or are planning a move -- think of us. Check on our needs and help build the collection.

4. The current Wish List includes quality fiction by gay male writers; many, many more Lesbian titles; and much more about social and political aspects of our past. Specific titles include: Completion of Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City* series with *Further Tales of the City, Baby-Cakes* and *Significant Others*; *The Rise of a Gay and Lesbian Movement* by Barry Adam; *Gay American History* by Jonathan Ned Katz; *Is It Choice?* by Eric Marcus; *Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life* by Blumenfeld and Raymond; and *Our Right to Love*, edited by Ginny Vida.

Check with the information desk (471-4429) about available books, or call me at 598-0850 for further information. ▼

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at the Center

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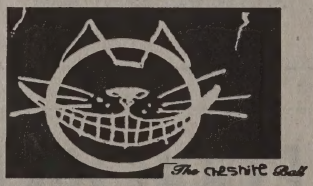
So Chris, and Mark, and Rich, and Chris, and everyone else: Thank you for giving up your Monday nights so that the rest of us can benefit! ▼

The Cheshire Ball
A "Most Successful" Fund Raiser

by Franklin Whitworth



In December, 1993, several members of the Colorado Springs based organization Ground Zero decided there had been enough of the "Who Done What" negative rhetoric on the issues surrounding child abuse and molestation. The question, this group decided, should be, "What are we going to do?" about this national tragedy.

Thus was born the Cheshire Ball, the fruits of which were reaped on Saturday, April 23. Over 425 gays, lesbians and non gays gathered in the Atrium of Denver's Norwest Bank to raise funds for the Child Protection Team of Denver's Children's Hospital, as well as for two Colorado Springs based organizations. KidPower and Concerned Citizens for Child Justice were the local recipients of the community's generosity. While final accounting has not been completed, it is estimated that several tens of thousands of dollars will be received by these organizations.

The diversity of the audience was reflected in the diversity of the sponsors, including Ground Zero, Out Front, Equality Colorado, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, P-FLAG, Norwest Bank, KBDI TV, KNUS radio, the Gill Foundation and Quark Software. Candidates for state offices, including secretary of state, treasurer and attorney general, joined Denver political candidates, elected officials and a representative from the Governor's office, for the festivities.

According to Katherine Pease, Cheshire Ball Coordinator and Ground Zero president, "The issue of the welfare of our children must be de politicized. Child abuse is a problem that all of society must face and solve together. The Cheshire committee formed to address this problem. The ball was but the first of many activities the committee will sponsor in the future, including the possibility of a major national effort next spring."

Entertainment included the Geoff Cleveland Jazz Trio, the Denver Opera, the Dean Bushnell Orchestra and, to cap the evening, Carl Anderson, co-star of Broadway's and film's "Jesus Christ Superstar," thrilled the late evening partiers with selections from his latest album.

Colorado Springs' Picnic Basket reaped high praise for the style and quality of their catered offerings. Kathy and Michelle, and their whole gang, pulled out all stops and wowed all who attended the function.

The Cheshire committee urges all to put aside their political concerns and join with it to bring about a better world for all children, and to help bring smiles to their faces. ▼

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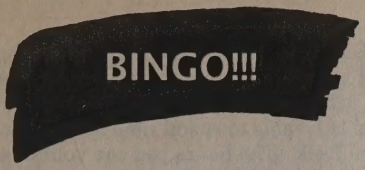

Bingo Volunteers Can Have Fun, Make Friends, Help PPGLCC

by Donald Johnson

At PPGLCC, Bingo means three wonderful F-words: Fun, Friends and Finances.

Our Bingo volunteers can enjoy themselves, meet new people and help the Community Center all at the same time. But we still need additional regular volunteers and we hope more of you will join the party.

For the past six months PPGLCC has been sponsoring Bingo on Monday and Thursday at the 21st Street Bingo Parlor, 1102 South 21st Street. And the results have been dramatic. "We have earned roughly $2,000 per month for the Community Center since we started running these Bingo evenings," said Martin Meier, PPGLCC president. "And I think we have spent this money very well."

First, the Bingo money pays rent for the Community Center's new downtown office space. "We moved into one office in December," Martin explained, "the suddenly our space tripled in March when the offices next door became available."

In addition to rent, much of the Bingo money has been used to buy office furniture and supplies, computer equipment, and to help fund the PrideFest weekend this July 15-17. "The main office in the Community Center is pretty well taken care of now," Martin said, "so we'll soon be looking at furniture for the conference room and maybe some funding for the library. In the coming months we also hope to buy a separate computer for the Audiotext System we have been working towards for many months." Audiotext is an extensive system of recorded information that future Helpline callers can browse through electronically.

Money and office equipment are not the only benefits Bingo brings to the PPGLCC. Working as a volunteer can be fun, and it is a good way to meet people and make new friends in the g/l/b/t community of Colorado Springs.

As always, volunteers are in short supply, but appreciated. "It has always been fun for the few regulars who volunteered frequently during the past half year," Martin told us. "But we were often understaffed and too busy. Frankly, sometimes we were lucky just to get through the evening!"

In the past month, however, some new people have been dropping by to help out. "It's great to see some fresh new faces! We're less busy now and have more fun. There's time to chat and get to know each other. Plus, it means the same volunteers don't have to show up week after week." According to Martin, the PPGLCC's Monday night Bingo is always well covered by volunteers from the United Court of the Rising Sun Empire, while the PPGLCC itself is responsible for the Thursday night Bingo. "The Court has been very organized and efficient in running the Monday night Bingo for us, and I personally appreciate all the time and effort they have generously donated to the Community Center. Now we need to get a little more organized on Thursday nights!"

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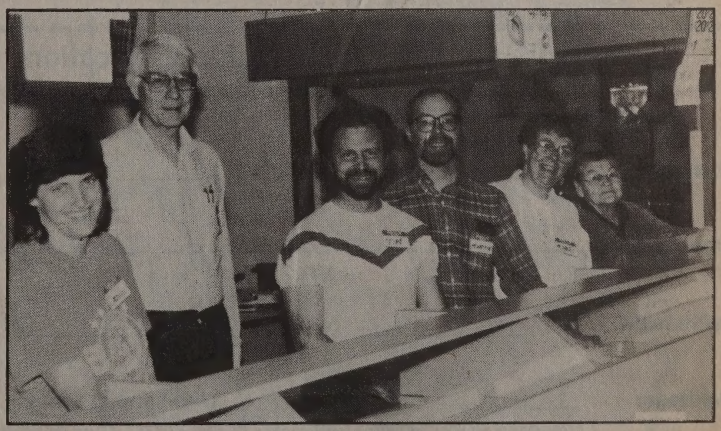

Photo: Jim Lundy

Teaming up to make a killing on behalf of the Community Center are Bingo volunteers Carolyn, Paul, Tim, Martin, Margi and Zoa. They made $500 for the center this night, and dined on airport quality food. You could be here, too -- just volunteer!

BINGO...from page 7

Marion Muhme, the PPGLCC volunteer coordinator who has worked hard to recruit Bingo volunteers, agrees with Martin that things are better on Thursday nights. "But we still have a long way to go before this project is properly staffed. We need more volunteers. I'd like to see at least five firm commitments for every Thursday night, set up well in advance. Maybe 20 different people could commit to working just one Thursday night per month. Of course, people can show up more often if they like, because it's starting to be kind of a party down there on Thursday nights!"

You can help the Community Center tremendously with a donation of your time, NO CASH!, by calling Marion Muhme at 471-0195 and putting your name on the list of Bingo volunteers. ▼

Volunteers Needed

(still...)

by Greg Varner

The Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center, and its programs, are staffed and operated entirely by volunteers. If you've got some free time and would like to help out with any of the following please call Marion Muhme at 471-0195. She our volunteer coordinator and will make sure you are contacted by the appropriate people. Here's what we need NOW:

THE HELPLINE. The Helpline telephones are now answered in the community center offices, with no phone calls forwarded to anyone's home. Volunteers need to be able to spend time in the office, 121 East Pikes Peak. The hours you can volunteer will dictate the hours the Helpline is in operation. Afternoons are covered; mornings and evenings are not. Training is ongoing.

COMMUNITY VISION. Beginning with the next edition the newsletter will be put together on the community center's computer. As always, we need people to help gather information about our community: what's happened and what's going to happen, and who wants publicity about what.

We also need help with billing the ads and the related accounting, and with printing mailing lists from the database.

The job is made even more difficult because of the tyrannical, perfectionist editor. This is offset by the all nighters and other odd hours which are necessary to make deadlines.

BINGO. Working the Thursday night Bingo game at the 21st Street Bingo Parlor is not only fun, but you'll be keeping the community center alive financially. It's our largest single source of income.

There's the added bonus of all the free high fat, high cholesterol food you can swallow, and occasionally nights to work other than Thursday. Hours are 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Can you spare 1 night per month? ▼

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The Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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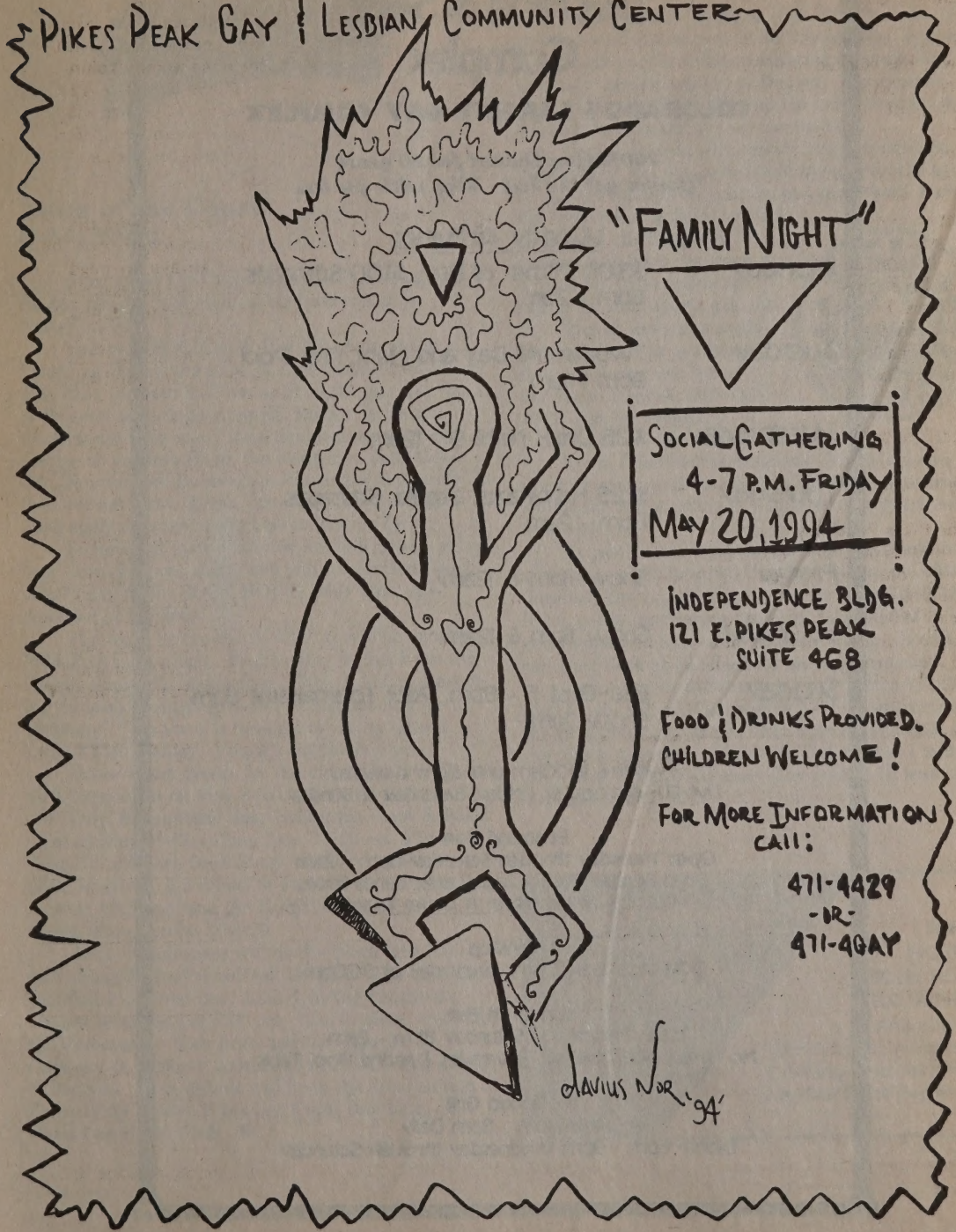
Telephone: _____ **Membership Level: ___Individual-$10 ___Household-$15**

I subscribe to the Mission Statement of the PPGLCC as printed on page 2 of this newsletter.

*Signature(s):*_____

Please send application and membership fee/contribution to PPGLCC, P. O. Box 607, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.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The Court

News of the Court

by John Roberts

Once again the United Court will host its gigantic, fun filled SOCK HOP, a big fund raiser for PrideFest 94.

This year SOCK HOP II will be held at the Branding Iron in the Hide & Seek Complex on Saturday, May 14, from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm. The focus of the evening will be a benefit auction featuring items donated by many local businesses. Also, contests such as Hula Hoop, the wonderful Jello Bake Off, Dancing and Bubblegum Blowing will precede the first annual Prom Queen Crowning (no pretty girls need apply; grunge is what we're looking for!).

So haul out your old nylon net ball gowns, your best rayon bowling shirts and join the United Court and PrideFest for SOCK HOP II, May 14th. $3 donation at the door.

The week before SOCK HOP II will be another PrideFest fund raiser. Friday, May 6, check out the Kinsey Rapport's Leathermen Show ("A Very Revealing Evening"), starting at the Penthouse Lounge at 10:30 pm. This show is brought to you by Grand Duke XVIII Stanley. Yes, it's worth your time!

Other Court events for the month include Stan's Bull Drag Show on May 8 (Hide & Seek, 10:00 pm); the Count & Countess' Beer Bust (plus Plant & Bake Sale) on May 15 (Branding Iron, 11:00 am, $5); the Tracy & Lyda Are Back Show on May 21 (Hide & Seek, evening); the Wheel of Fortune on May 22 (Hide & Seek, 4:00 pm), and the Knights of the Garter's Dance Marathon on May 29.

June's fund raiser will be the Black and White Ball, a benefit for Pikes Peak Hospice. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, at the Penthouse Lounge beginning at 9:00 pm. Also in June, watch for the Community Wide Fair, and the June 25-26 Campout & Cookout, sponsored by the Court's Board of Regents. More details will be in the June edition of *Community Vision*; if you can't wait that long, call Chris Lee at 685-5509. ▼

Update: Gay Games IV

by Karl Beck

Gay Games IV opens in New York on June 18, to coincide with the Stonewall 25 Celebration. A number of Colorado people will be competing through Team Colorado, headquartered in Denver. You must be registered with Team Colorado in order to compete as a Colorado Resident in Gay Games IV.

Team Colorado will provide you with specific information, but we understand several events have no space available for contestants, but others, including some track & field, martial arts, sport climbing and cycling, still have openings. In a nutshell, team sports are full; individual sports are not.

Travel and accommodation assistance is available through Pathways Travel Service in Denver, (303) 388-1042. Ask for Stephany. If you plan on calling, do it now!

Team Colorado meetings are the second and third Thursdays of the month. The May 12 meeting will be the last meeting at which you can get a uniform sized.

To join Team Colorado, call The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community Services Center of Colorado (formerly the GLCCC) in Denver at (303) 629-9GAY. If you get an answering machine, be prepared to leave your name and a weekday phone number. Locally, call Karl Beck at 391-8465 for more information.

Just for your information, Gay Games V, scheduled for the fall of 1998, will be held in Amsterdam, the first time Gay Games have been held outside of the North American continent. Gay Games I and II were held in San Francisco; Gay Games III was in Vancouver, BC. ▼

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COLORADO SPRINGS PRIDEFESTIVAL 94

PROGRAM

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Southern Colorado AIDS Project

S-CAP Developing Volunteer Programs in Pueblo

by Jeff Milligan

The Southern Colorado AIDS Project is looking for individuals to assist with the development of volunteer programs in support of the Pueblo S-CAP office. Interested people should have a basic understanding of volunteerism, as well as good organizational and communications skills. Positions include members for a Volunteer Development Committee, office support, Buddy Program participants and support group facilitators.

The first meeting of the Volunteer Committee will take place on Thursday, May 26, at 4:00 pm. For more information, or if you can't make the meeting, call the Pueblo office before May 11 or after May 23 at 561-2616. You may also call the Colorado Springs office at 578-9092 or 1-800-241-5468. ▼

S-CAP Gearing Up For AIDS Awareness Month

by Jeff Milligan

S-CAP has begun the long process of developing activities to recognize National AIDS Awareness Month in October. Even though October seems a long way off, planning a month full of events takes time. The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, May 16, at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in participating in this process and can't make this meeting, please call Jeff at 578-9092. ▼

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HIV Reporting Requirements In Colorado

by Richard Blair, Executive Director, S-CAP

Recently there have been numerous discussions around the state regarding the Colorado HIV reporting requirements. The following information is taken from information provided by the Health Department. For more information, please contact your closest S-CAP office for a fact sheet.

If a person tests confidentially for HIV and the results are positive, their name is reported to the Colorado Department of Health (CDH). If the results are negative, their name is also reported to CDH, however names for negative results are delinked from risk factor data after 120 days, and names are destroyed after two years. Confidential testing is offered in El Paso, Pueblo and Otero counties. People wishing to be tested in the San Luis Valley should contact the Valley Wide Health Services Clinic closest to them for more information.

If a person tests anonymously for HIV and the results are positive, the result but no name is reported to CDH. Anonymous testing is currently only available at the Denver Anonymous Test Site, and three Boulder County Health Department sites.

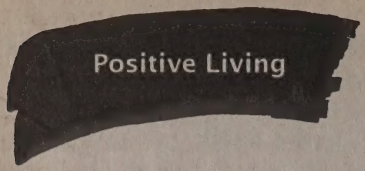
When testing through a physician's office or hospital, and the test is positive, the names are reported to the CDH, and the test result becomes part of the medical record (doctor or hospital records). Medical records, but not the CDH records, may be reported to the Medical Information Bureau (MIB) and may be accessed by insurance companies.

S-CAP recommends that people considering testing utilize either a confidential or anonymous test site. S-CAP does not recommend conducting this procedure at a doctor's office or hospital.

Additionally, if a person seeks medical care regarding HIV, the physician is required by law to report the individual's name to CDH, regardless of whether the individual knew they were HIV+, or if they test positive, or if they test initially through the doctor's office.

Name reporting of HIV is required in 25 states.

There are several other issues regarding the notification of names, of HIV positive individuals, to the state health department. For more information, contact your local health department or your S-CAP office. ▼



The Price of Friendship

by Bill Taylor
Clue! Magazine, Calgary
GayNet News Service

Dining out is one of those experiences that is a highlight in my life. The enjoyment of a superb meal that delights my palette while a group of my friends surrounds the table sharing conversation and fellowship is the epitome of life's pleasures. In fact, in my thinking, a good meal in a fine restaurant with good companionship is second only to sex... I'll save that thought for another column.

At the end of an evening of gastronomical indulgence comes the bill. If all was good, the price of the meal is well worth the cost. Certainly before the meal I am aware that there will be a cost. Everything in life has a cost of some nature.

As I mused about this, I began to consider friendship and the cost involved. It is very clear that every friendship eventually draws to a close; sometimes they change in dynamics because of moves or circumstances. The price then of friendship is the grieving that one does when the friendship draws to a close. For many of us in the gay community, great numbers of our friendships are drawing to a close through AIDS-related deaths.

Thinking about that makes me wonder whether we don't hold back on the amount we give to a friendship because we are afraid of the eventual price we will pay in grieving. When we dine out, we know the cost of the meal will be proportionate to the quality of the meal. It seems to make sense that the cost of grieving a friendship is relative to the quality of the friendship. Perhaps looking in retrospect when we face the loss of a friend and realizing that the amount of pain we feel is related to the amount of love we have shared is a way to validate our feelings.

God gave us an ability to love one another along with a guarantee that life is terminal. Grieving is a very natural part of living. As we grieve, we need to accept that we would not be grieving if we had not loved and that the love we shared with the one for whom we now grieve was worth every tear we shed. ▼

Living With HIV With a Positive Attitude

Knowledge, Attitude and Determination are Most Important, say Two Long-Term Survivors

By Jessica Lloyd-Rogers
OutNOW!, San Jose, CA
GayNet News Service

Jon Foster and Mike Blackwell are both HIV-positive. They stand apart from many others, both for their physical health and for their positions on the responsibilities of persons with HIV and AIDS.

Foster, who has been HIV-positive for four years, was a paralegal and law librarian for the city attorney's office in San Jose. Told by his doctor to quit because of his health, he has been a full-time AIDS activist for the past two and a half years.

Blackwell is a substitute teacher in science and history. He is currently attending classes twice a week to keep his teaching certificate upgraded. He was diagnosed in 1984 when the Western Blot came out, although he believes that he was HIV-positive as early as 1982.

Both have lost lovers to AIDS -- Foster's three years ago, and Blackwell's six years ago.

Foster and Blackwell say that, while good medical care is important, the patient's attitude is critical. Foster advocates a stress-free environment, good nutrition, and exercise, along with a positive attitude. Blackwell is high on education. "I find out as much as I can," says Blackwell. "I read tons of materials on new strategies and new theories. I stay as medically informed as I can. Rather than sit back and let my doctor decide my treatment, I decide and then talk it over with him and tell him what I want. It's my body, and I do what I think is right. I use experimental medications, and I get into as many studies as I can. I really believe it's the aggressive approach that makes the difference."

Asked how to maintain a positive attitude even in the fate of terminal diagnoses, Foster says that he stays active and educates others. "I go to colleges, into the health and psychology classes, and I just come out and tell them who I am and what I am, and that I have HIV. I practice safe sex. You have to stay positive."

"When someone tells me and it still happens that he or she is not going to get AIDS because they're straight or for some other reason," says Foster, "I tell them up front: if you practice unsafe sex, you are going to get it. People have to understand this disease is not about labels; it's about behavior."

Blackwell, on the other hand, simply chooses to

believe that AIDS is not terminal. "For my lover of nine years, it was terminal," he says. "That was in the early days of the disease. But, at one time, diphtheria, smallpox, and even chicken pox meant death. I choose to believe the AIDS epidemic is either going to be a chronic, manageable disease, or a cure will be found. I'm not opposed to using experimental drugs. I'm not willing to sit back and wait. I don't hide my head in the sand. I know [AIDS] could get me, but I swear it's going to have to fight. I have incredible T-cell counts for as long as the infection has been around. I give it as little fire as possible."

Foster, a Catholic, says his strength comes from faith. Foster says that his church is behind him. "A lot of people just roll over and die. Action equals life. I use the action to keep the issue alive. Talking to groups in the community is a way of healing for me."

Blackwell, who is an agnostic, says, "Studies show that action and attitude on the part of the patient are critical. My faith is that a cure will be found. Plus, a lot of people depend on me, and I don't want to let them down." "It doesn't matter what you believe will work: medication, crystals, drugs, or diet," continues Blackwell. "The key is action. I think a healthy attitude can be passed on by example. I have 500 CD-4s, which is unheard of. I've only had one opportunistic infection, and [the doctors] haven't been able to find it for the past three years. Some people believe that 'M.D.' stands for 'medical deity.' I'm sorry, but they're no different than a mechanic to a car. If anything, we should be partners with the doctors.

"I haven't always been this strong. When my lover was ill, I was busy taking care of him and didn't have time to think about me. I went downhill after he died. My CD-4 count dropped to 158, and I stopped taking classes. I stopped paying taxes. I had given up. Then I read some things about new treatments, and I decided to fight. That was about four years ago."

Now, Blackwell says that he is among the persons in Santa Clara County who have lived the longest with HIV. Referring to other patients he sees at the Immuno-Compromised Host clinic in San Jose which he visits, "I watch them come through, and it's easy to tell who has given up. Sometimes I try to talk to them, tell them there's hope, and use myself as an example. But people are funny. Lots of times, they tell me that I don't really have HIV, or I have a different strain than theirs. They have already given up and don't want to hear an alternative."

What have Foster and Blackwell done differently

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since they received their diagnoses, and what do they advise others? "It's kind of cornball," says Blackwell, "but I live each day to the fullest. I don't let the little things get me down. Ask questions. Educate yourself. Take action." Foster likes to go to the beach and watch the ocean; he says that he finds it soothing and tranquil. "'Do it now' takes on a whole new meaning," he explains.

"I'm more vocal than I was. I'm not afraid to ask for a second piece of birthday cake. I'm involved on all levels of the fight against AIDS. I try to do all the things I want to do now, before I can't. I enjoy the sun and the clouds when they come over. Why leave the world with a negative attitude?" Both Foster and Blackwell have been very pleased with their medical care. Foster said, "I do feel sorry for the nurses. It must be pretty awful." Speaking about a recent controversial relocation of the clinic's facilities, he says, "The move to the trailer happened so suddenly. I had an appointment, and I went to the clinic only to find Obstetrics there. I didn't know where the ICH clinic had gone. Maybe a liaison between the HIV/AIDS community and the hospital would have helped. I'd like to see an advisory committee developed." As to complaints about the clinic's facilities and services, Foster paraphrases Oscar Wilde and says, "Sometimes the love that dare not speak its name won't shut up. We're all in this together. We need to discuss these issues more constructively."

Blackwell echoes Foster's comments. "I think it's easier to put the blame on others," he says, "but we have to take action and responsibility for our own lives. We are partners with the doctors in fighting this disease. We can't do it without them, and they can't do it without us." ▼

Exploding The Myths of HIV Testing

by Bart Loeser
Out Smart magazine - Houston
GayNet News Service

As the primary issue of our generation, AIDS has profoundly impacted Houston's gay and lesbian community. Few gay men or women have avoided the devastation of losing friends, lovers and family. We have been coping with these issues for over twelve years, and, for many of us, it has become an integral part of our lives. Our community continues to stand at the forefront of this epidemic, shaping policy and setting the standards for compassion, advocacy, education and support. We can take pride in the courage and dignity with which we face this challenge.

But as time moves on, we must stay wary of the dangers of burnout, complacency and denial. We must care for ourselves, as well as others. We must also fight the greatest threat to our community: the rumors and the myths that continue to place our lives at risk. Many of these myths center around testing issues, HIV transmission and early intervention. In this article, I will primarily focus on the testing myths.

Myth #1: There are too few treatment options to warrant getting tested. (Many also use this excuse for doing nothing once they find out they are HIV+). Misinformation prevails regarding the effectiveness of anti-retroviral drugs and early intervention. Many balk at medical intervention because of anecdotal horror stories of drug side effects and other problems. They do not realize that, while no medication is completely effective for everyone, most people are not adversely effected. It is difficult for many of us to consider taking medication to stay healthy if there are no physical signs upon which to focus.

Myth #2: I feel fine, so I'm sure that I'm uninfected/in great health. It's important to realize that if you are HIV+ you probably will not begin to have AIDS-related physical problems until after the virus has significantly weakened your immune system (maybe 10 or more years later). Up to that point, you may feel in top shape. Your physical condition tells you nothing as to whether or not you have HIV infection and gives you little insight to the strength of your immune system.

Myth #3: Instead of getting tested, I'll just live my life as if I was positive. (Many make similar assumptions about their sex partners). The fact is you cannot begin to deal with the many vital issues facing you unless you know what you are up against. Nothing can substitute for that knowledge. I encourage everyone at risk to get tested preferably anonymously with counseling. If you are HIV positive, begin to map out a course of action. Talk with a friend. Get a "buddy" from Body Positive. Attend the Montrose Clinic's "Next Step" program. Read up on the issues. Attend support groups, etc.

Myth #4: The test isn't very accurate, so how can I really know for sure? While it is true that a negative test cannot guarantee that you are free from infection, the test can be considered very accurate after a minimum of three months or better still, six months since your last possible exposure. There should be no need to continue testing year after year unless you continue to put yourself at risk. Classes

are offered to teach risk reduction so that you can learn how to enjoy your sexuality without significant risk.

Myth #5: The test is not so important as long as I treat all my partners as if they were HIV+. This works great in theory, but unfortunately does not hold true in the realities of many sexual experiences. The fact is that gay and bisexual men today still have unprotected sex occasionally and become infected. According to some estimates one out of every two or three gay/bisexual men is currently infected with HIV. Many men don't worry about safer-sex issues and often "slip," unless their partner actually tells them they are HIV+. Many men who are negative, or who hope they are generally look for reasons not to use protection (e.g. avoiding HIV+ partners, finding someone they consider "low risk," especially partners who state or imply that they are negative). No matter who you sleep with, unprotected sex is a very risky gamble to take unless you can be certain of your partner.

People have a variety of reasons and excuses for putting themselves at risk for this easily preventable disease. There are also are many options for taking control of your life. It is possible to improve the quality and perhaps the quantity of your years. Consider all aspects of your health maintenance: the mental, emotional and spiritual factors, as well as the physical ones.

Bart Loeser is an HIV educator with AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH), coordinating health and education programs for people living with HIV/AIDS, via the AFH Wellness Program. He also supervises the "Safer Sex/Gay Outreach" program and the AIDS Hotline of Houston. ▼

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Books and other entertainment

Booktalk with John Coniff

Coming out really is a selfish act. ME, the One Who Has Suffered Under the Burden of Knowledge, decides to divest myself of this information so I tell my innocent family. I have had time -- months, years -- to turn this over and over in my mind, but my unsuspecting family has had neither time nor tools to prepare themselves for this momentous event. "There was no social construct to catch us as we flew apart."

Robb Forman Dew's observation is the subject of her latest book, *The Family Hear: A Memoir of When Our Son Came Out* (Addison Wesley, $22.00). Frankly, it is refreshing to see another side of coming out. I love Paul Monette's *Becoming a Man* more than dollar days at Goodwill, but it is a bit self indulgent to read such things, not to mention that old adage about preaching to the converted!

As a totally self involved queer, I was especially struck by Dew's mourning over her sons' adolescence, the loss of childhood that happens when testosterone, the Demon Hormone that poisons the bodies of nice little boys, had distanced their previously confidential relationship. The change became apparent "when either one of them, who had confided in us without hesitation, without even being asked, began to bristle at any question even remotely personal."

This personally happened between me and my mother. We had been very close; her remarriage when I was 12 coincided with Junior High (the Fire Pit of Hell) and the beginning of my coming out process; we grew apart and I entered the labyrinth of gay life.

Speaking of being self involved, I've only read the first three chapters. I've been very busy with my hobbies: brewing beer with the UCCS HomeBrew club; my sister and I made paper on Sunday; I rearranged my art room; and I'm working my groove thing at the Gym (tighter parts in only 30 days!). So when I start riding the bike next week I'll finish Dew's insightful, contemplative book.

John Coniff works at the Chinook Bookshop, 210 North Tejon, where he is one of a staff of 20, Mensa candidates all, and any of whom will help you find any book you're wanting. There are copies of Richard Mohr's A More Perfect Union, *and there MAY be copies still of* While England Sleeps *by David Leavitt. The Chinook's telephone is 635-1195; it's open 7 days a week.* ▼

"Threesome" Mostly Fair, If Not Particularly Flattering

Review by Chris Thomas
OutNOW! - San Jose, California
GayNet News Service

There certainly isn't much homework at the nameless California college which is the setting of the new film Threesome, and the campus library seems to be home to more interesting activity than one can find at the local bathhouse. The sexual revolution may be on the downswing in the real world -- but for Alex, Eddy, and Stuart, it is very much alive... and raging.

Threesome would be another typical B-grade teen film if it weren't for one important detail: Eddy (Josh Charles) is "sexually ambivalent," as he puts it. He serves as the film's narrator -- which, in one of the film's least endearing qualities, is vastly overdone and obviously explains all of the action to the Stupid Viewer -- and guides us through a hormone-packed exploration of his sexuality and those of his two roommates: one male and one female.

Exactly how Alex (Laura Flynn Boyle) gets stuck in a suite with two men is chalked up to the omnipresent "computer error" over her male-sounding name but, once this obvious setup is forgiven, the situation lends itself to enough angst to fill several semesters. Alex desperately wants Eddy to have sex with him; campus stud Stuart (Stephen Baldwin) wants to have sex with Alex, who refuses his every move; and Eddy stares at Stuart's behind while trying to figure out what to do with Alex.

None of the characters are particularly flattering representations of their sexual identities. Stuart is the stereotypical college straight man, right down to his ungracious bathroom habits; Eddy dresses well and folds the corners on his sheets; and Alex puts so much drama in her life that she hardly needs to be studying it -- or performing in a lesbian version of Oedipus Rex. And each of the three play host to the most stereotypical dates from hell seen in several years of recent cinema.

The political-correctness police could find any number of things over which to get upset. But the key point here is that none of the characters are particularly well-adjusted; they are all making missteps on their way to self-discovery. Eddy's mistakes are no better or worse than anyone else's. Any at-

tempt to portray Eddy as somehow "better" than his roommates would have brought an artificial quality to the story; as it stands, nobody gets out of this love triangle without scars -- just as it usually happens in real life.

Perhaps the only true flaw in producer Andrew Fleming's story is that bisexuality is never seriously explored as a possibility for Eddy... or for Stuart or Alex. Much of Eddy's dilemma is centered around deciding whether or not he's gay, and it's clear that he has at least some strong feelings for both Alex and Stuart. Even though we eventually find out what happens to Eddy in later life, it's nonetheless the case that the story line forces him to "choose" between men and women, when such a choice is not always needed or desirable. In fact, this assumption seems to stand in contrast to the common story of some gay persons who assert themselves as bisexuals on their way to becoming gay. Whether or not Eddy is really gay or bisexual, this omission from the list of his possibilities is somewhat troubling, even if it couldn't have been fully explored in a 90-minute film.

There's lots of foreplay -- and lots of sex -- in Threesome, but very little gay sex. While that's a likely consequence of Eddy's confusion, it still leaves the viewer with a slight unbalanced taste. But as a counterpoint to every film that has tried to make fun of gay sex, the straight sex scenes in Threesome often border on the ridiculous and laughable.

Alex, Stuart, and Eddy wind up being eminently likeable -- not because they're models of modern romance, but instead because they bond with each other despite their differences. There's no grand social message to be delivered here -- and that point would be made much more clear by removing nearly all of Eddy's insipid narration, especially his etymology of the word "deviant" -- and Threesome mostly

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succeeds in its role as 20-something entertainment. That it gives no special treatment, preference, or hostility toward homosexuality makes it a welcome contribution to Hollywood's portrayal of our culture, if not always an especially flattering one. ▼

Leonard & Larry Compiled

By Jim Drew
OutNOW! - San Jose, California
GayNet News Service

Make a list of the best comic strips currently being published, and it should run something like this: Bill Watterson's "Calvin & Hobbes," Garry Trudeau's "Doonesbury," Lynn Johnston's "For Better or For Worse," Tim Barela's "Leonard & Larry."

Yes, "Leonard & Larry," that richly-illustrated full-page gay couple sitcom comic strip which is seen exclusively in the West Hollywood-based Frontiers magazine. Now, for the first time, a nearly complete collection of all the strips through early 1993 is available through Palliard Press.

Appearing first as supporting characters in a strip intended for straight press syndication but which never got off the ground, Jewish photographer Leonard Goldman and bearish leather store owner Larry Evans eventually appeared in six issues of Gay Comix from 1984 to 1988, in 22 issues of The Advocate from 1988 to 1990, and have appeared in Frontiers ever since. A 40-page collection was produced as Gay Comix Special #1 in 1992.

Perhaps the most fabulous thing about "Leonard & Larry" is that it takes place in "real time," something few strips do. Over the nine years that Barela has drawn the strip, the characters have aged nine years. This is most apparent with Larry's sons Richard and David, whom we first meet at about ages 10 and 8. By the time the collection is finished, Richard has met Debbie, gotten her pregnant, graduated from high school, married Debbie, and their daughter is a year old. Meanwhile, David has also hit puberty, come out as gay, worked at his father's leather store, and fought his Orange County school board twice for the right to take his boyfriend Collin to the prom.

Both Leonard and Larry age throughout the strip, too, and grow as they do so. We are treated to several mini-mid-life crises, both men's 20-year high school reunions, and Larry's less-than-graceful reactions to Richard making him a grandfather and his own fortieth birthday. The supporting characters also change over time, as Bob's musical career improves,

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the recession kills his lover Frank's aerospace job, and Leonard's mother finally starts to accept Larry. Leonard's ex drifts out of the strip early on, Larry's redneck brother shows up a couple times, and Larry's employee Jim goes through a series of failed relationships (which may be over, if recent episodes are to be believed).

Another magnificent feature of the strip is that, while Leonard and Larry and most of their friends may be gay, they still live in a predominantly straight world. Unlike other well done gay and lesbian strips (such as Alison Bechdel's "Dykes To Watch out For"), Barela features several straight continuing characters, not all of them positive portrayals. He has his gay characters run up against homophobia in all its guises, from the rabid fundamentalist picketing Larry's store to harder to deal with issues like coming out to former classmates and dealing with Leonard's brother's failure to accept Larry as part of family photos while still accepting his own ex-wife. Barela handles all the situations with skill and humor.

Always endearing, often touching, and sometimes roll-on-the-floor-laughing hilarious, everyone who reads this comic strip falls in love with it including my mother. There is no better recommendation that I can give: this is a gay comic strip that you can show to Mom.

Leonard & Larry: Domesticity Isn't Pretty, Palliard Press, 1993 144 pages, $9.95 trade paperback.

"Roommates" Puts Human Face On Tragedy of AIDS

by Malcolm Carter

The true life story of two men with AIDS from different backgrounds who form an uneasy, but ultimately life affirming, friendship comes to television in *Roommates*, a two hour dramatic film starring Emmy nominee Randy Quaid (*LBJ: The Early Years, A Streetcar Named Desire*) and Eric Stoltz (*The Waterdance, Mask*), premiering May 30 on NBC-TV. Produced by Michael Filerman Productions, the film also stars Tony Award winner Charles Durning (*Evening Shade*) and Elizabeth Pena (*The Waterdance, Shannon's Deal*).

Inspired by a real situation, *Roommates* is a contemporary "odd couple" story tinged by the painful realities and tough challenges faced by people with AIDS. Under its involving, often funny, and ultimately moving drama are important reminders about this terrible epidemic: the democratic nature of the disease and the continuing need for education to

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combat prejudice against those who have it.

Randy Quaid portrays Jim Riley, a straight ex-convict on parole for bank robber who became infected from a blood transfusion. Eric Stoltz is Bill Thomas, a gay Harvard educated professional from a well to do family. This unlikely pair is brought together by Lisa Elliott (Elizabeth Pena), a committed social worker and administrator at "The Residence," an apartment complex run by an AIDS action committee as a home for people with AIDS.

A compelling tale of human triumph in the face of fatal illness, *Roommates* is a hopeful, healing testament to tolerance, friendship and the capacity of people -- straight or gay -- to love one another. ▼

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***My Lives* by Roseanne Arnold**
Ballantine Books 1994, 249 pp, $23 hardcover
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Roseanne Arnold has to be one of the bravest feminists alive. She has walked straight into the jaws of one of the most vile and dangerous patriarchal beasts of our time -- American commercial television -- and has emerged victorious. She has done this without a high school diploma and, for much of the journey, while raising three children and dealing with drug addiction, an alcoholic husband, and the scars of childhood sexual abuse.

In her new autobiography, *My Lives*, Arnold has some righteous things to say about TV. She writes, "TV is a language all its own, a land of one dimensional stereotypes that destroys culture, not adds to it. TV is an anti-art, a reflection of consumerism that serves the power structure. TV is about demographics. Demographics are about women who buy products. Women have been made prisoners of TV -- the more they watch, the more products they buy. Why, then, if TV is largely a medium for and about women, are most of the women on TV being raped, murdered, humiliated, degraded, reduced to their body parts and verbally attacked?"

She adds, "In my show, Woman is no longer a victim, but in control of her own mind."

It was feminism itself that lead Arnold onto the stage. In the book she mentions that she has read feminist theology, that she raised her daughters to be witches, and she even quotes Starhawk. Arnold began her career while working in a feminist bookstore.

She writes that she started telling her jokes in the parking lot of the bookstore to a group of politically active lesbians. She claims that as she started performing in clubs, these lesbians "encouraged, laughed at, and supported me by coming to my shows..." She adds that this is one reason she tries to accurately and respectfully portray lesbians in her sitcom.

Arnold states that when she was banned from comedy clubs because of the content of her material, "dyke bars" were one of the few places that would still welcome her. She writes that, there, "I could spread the word without having it snatched from me or kneaded into some kind of tasteless/tasteful fritter for popular consumption."

Once, while doing a comedy show at a strip joint, Arnold and another woman comic got on stage and said that they were going to do an impression of the strippers. The audience hooted and hollered, hoping that the two women would take their clothes off. Instead, Arnold and the other woman started kissing each other.

"These strippers are lesbians!" Arnold shouted between kisses. "They hate you. You're all just johns, assholes with money, do you know that?"

Managers, club owners, and -- later -- television producers and writers warned her about her material. Everyone thought she was going too far and that she would destroy herself. As her career took sail, Johnny Carson himself stated that "women comics aren't funny because they lose their femininity." (When Arnold first appeared on Carson's show, the producers wouldn't let her say the word "uterus.")

Now, Arnold laughs at all of her former critics on her way to the bank.

In the book, Arnold sometimes speaks bitterly of those who tried to hold her back. She especially denounces television writers who tried to change the character she wanted to portray. The writers' lines

"were so reactive and victimish for women," she said. "All castration jokes or silly ass 'war of the sexes' jokes. My character was becoming unlike a typical TV male pig."

The character that Arnold wanted to play was much more complex than that. She rewrote a lot of the scripts and attributes much of the changes to the show's success. But despite her work, she was not credited as a co-writer. Arnold not only has plenty to say in this book; she has a delightful way of saying it. In describing her first marriage, she writes "Hanging from a branch sticking out of an eroding cliff can be a real drag until you consider the alternatives. The branch suddenly looks like Prince Charming's arm." When one of the writers on the TV set would physically touch her in a condescending way, Arnold described his touch as "a symbol for contamination, for colonization -- a way of graphically showing that you have no place to hide and that all of you was rendered onto Caesar."

She breaks into poetry at times, long beautiful verses -- angry poems, love poems to her children and poems about the incomprehensible wounds of childhood abuse.

In reading her work, one begins to catch a glimpse of just how multidimensional and powerful this woman is. It is quite obvious, as she herself claims, that most media coverage of her has been a misrepresentation. She writes that, repeatedly, reporters would meet with her, "And they all say the same thing... 'Man -- you are so intelligent. And nobody knows it.' Yeah, because they censor any signs of intelligence out of the articles."

My Lives is an appropriate title for this book, because Roseanne Arnold is continuously evolving and growing. She talks a lot of the hard times she's been through and the mistakes she's made, but she also speaks of how she is constantly dusting herself off and moving forward.

Most importantly, this woman is able to cop to her own humanity and speak the truth as she sees it. And in a culture that is starving for truth, especially in the mainstream media, I hope that Roseanne Arnold never shuts up. ▼

Information for *Community Vision* may be sent directly to the editor: 1822 Mid Road, CSC, 80906; or phoned: 633-6383; or faxed: 632-1490. You may also call the Helpline, or send articles to the community center address.

Of Special Interest in May

ROOMMATES

Starring
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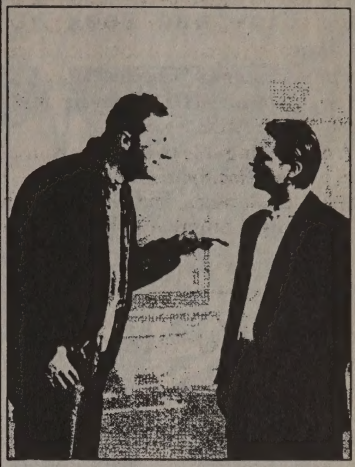

Don't miss Randy Quaid and Eric Stoltz as two men with AIDS from different backgrounds. On NBC-TV May 30, they star as unlikely roommates who come to terms with their prejudices during a compelling two-hour film inspired by a real-life situation.

Emmy nominee Randy Quaid portrays Jim Riley, a heterosexual ex-convict on parole for bank robbery who contracted the disease from a blood transfusion. Eric Stoltz is Bill Thomas, a gay Harvard-educated professional from a well-to-do family. They are thrown together at "The Residence," an appartment complex run by an AIDS action committee as a home for people with AIDS.

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Real Estate News & Comment

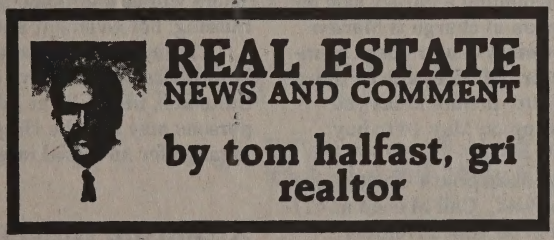
by Tom Halfast

Once again, by popular demand, a few words about AGENCY (who represents whom) as it pertains to real estate. Actually, this is my least favorite real estate topic, but one about which I receive numerous queries. Colorado leads the nation in this area of real estate law so it may be helpful to review some recent changes.

Let's begin with a look at a few definitions, as provided by the Colorado Real Estate Commission:

Seller's Agent: A seller's agent works solely on behalf of the seller and owes duties to the seller which include the utmost good faith, loyalty and fidelity. The agent will negotiate on behalf of and act as an advocate for the seller. The seller is legally responsible for the actions of the agent when that agent is acting within the scope of the agency. The agent must disclose to potential buyers or tenants all adverse material facts about the property actually known by the broker. A separate written listing agreement is required which sets forth the duties and obligations of the parties.

Seller's Subagent: A subagent owes the same duties of utmost good faith, loyalty and fidelity to a seller as the seller's agent and must make the same disclosures to buyers concerning adverse material facts about the property. A subagent will negotiate and act as an advocate for the seller, who is legally responsible for the acts of the subagent when acting within the scope of the subagency. Seller must give written permission for the listing agent to employ subagents.



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Transaction Broker: A transaction broker assists the buyer or seller or both throughout a real estate transaction with communication, advice, negotiation, contracting and closing without being an agent or advocate for any of the parties. The parties to a transaction are not legally responsible for the actions of a transaction broker and a transaction broker does not owe those parties the duties of an agent. However, a transaction broker does owe the parties a number of statutory obligations and responsibilities, including using reasonable skill and care in the performance of any oral or written agreement. A transaction broker must also make the same disclosures as agents about adverse material facts concerning a property or a buyer's financial ability to perform the terms of a transaction and whether the buyer intends to occupy the property.

Historically, real estate people always represented the seller. Now, however, the individuals involved may choose the type of arrangement they collectively desire. As an example, a sophisticated (read: frequent) purchaser may only need the salesperson to do the paperwork. At the other extreme, a first time home buyer who is relocating from another state will most likely need the counsel and knowledge of a seasoned Realtor to not only prepare the paperwork, but also to determine a fair price, negotiate terms, track the follow up activities, help with the loan and refer other professionals (attorneys, CPAs, home inspectors, insurance agents, and so forth).

By the way, the Colorado Real Estate Commission requires licensed real estate salespeople to disclose the various types of agency relationships available and to have on file a signed copy of said documents.

One final point: agency is not to be confused with compensation. The level and method of compensation is most commonly negotiated between agent/seller and agent/agent. Few buyers pay real estate commissions and need not do so to have an agent on

their side. The fee should be paid from proceeds at closing, not as an out of pocket expense to the purchaser.

Ask your Realtor about agency relationships and how they concern your next transaction.

NEXT MONTH: Interest rate woes?

Tom Halfast, GRI, is a Realtor with Century 21 Cornerstone Real Estate Company located at 1024 West Colorado Avenue on the westside. He provides the column as a monthly service to the community, and may be reached at 632-8551 or in Manitou at 685-0621. ▼

From the house to the garage

P-FLAG's Garage Sale May 14

by CV *staff*

P-FLAG is working hard to achieve §501(c)(3) status and to raise money to help its members help themselves and others in our community. Their April fund raiser was an evening of music and poetry at All Souls Unitarian Church.

This month P-FLAG is holding a garage sale on Saturday, May 14. The person in charge is Marion Muhme, who is also a community center board member and volunteer coordinator. Marion tells us there are two ways you can help out: donate items you want to get rid of, and show up on May 14 to buy more stuff.

The garage sale will be at 26 South Chelton, just south of Chelton and Pikes Peak. Call Marion at 471-0195 to find out when to drop off your inventory. Everything not sold on May 14 will become part of the giant Windjammer Garage sale in Briargate on May 29. ▼

Anyone interested
in Weekend Day Trips
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at 635-2118

More Local Happenings

Pikes Peak Hospice Seeking Volunteers

edited by Greg Varner

Pikes Peak Hospice is a community supported, non profit organization providing care for the terminally ill and their loved ones. Volunteers are always needed; a diverse group that reflects the community which Pikes Peak Hospice serves is sought. Extensive training is provided to prepare volunteers to fill a wide variety of roles. If you are a caring person looking for a place to make a difference, call 633-4300 and ask for the Volunteer Department.

Pikes Peak Hospice is accepting initial interview appointments for its Spring Training Session. The training schedule runs through May 14. The cost is $40 for those who commit to provide service, and $80 for education only. The cost covers a 120 page manual and speaker gratuities.

The course content includes Hospice history and philosophy, communication with the patients and patient's families, family dynamics, infectious disease, body mechanics, coping with loss, spiritual care, team and staff support, the role of the volunteer, terminal illness, care for the caregiver and funeral planning. There will be additional specialized training for nursing, bereavement and massage therapy.

Training is conducted in the Pikes Peak Hospice's administrative offices, 3630 Sinton Road, Suite 200, near I-25 at Fillmore. All interested persons may call the Hospice office at 633-3400 to arrange for an initial interview. ▼

Attention Bicyclists!

by Jerome Goodley

Do you want to do day (or shorter) rides in the companionship of "family?" Is there any interest in forming a bicycle riding group? I am thinking of getting together on Sundays or other days, finding a meeting place, and doing rides of different lengths.

We could all start together, with those who want to ride longer going on, and those who are interested

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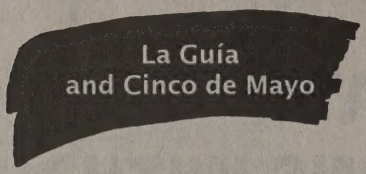
in shorter rides breaking off to do their thing.

I am interested in forming all male groups, all female groups, mixed groups, groups to ride to a restaurant for a meal, and groups to ride off for a picnic. I am interested in your ideas, too.

Please contact me (Jerome Goodley) at 633-5057 or 635-2118, or at The Lotus Eater Boutique, 311 North Tejon, or send a note to 720 North Wahsatch, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. ▼



Cinco de Mayo

by La Guía staff

Many do not realize that Cinco de Mayo represents the celebration of one battle in a long line of internal and external conflicts that engulfed Mexico for the better part of a century. In fact, Mexico seemed to be in constant war with itself and neighboring or European monarchies, but it was after the civil war between the liberals and the conservatives that Mexico found itself in an international conflict against French intervention.

In 1862 an ambitious Napoleon III accompanied with Spanish and British allies invaded Mexico. After the battle of Tampico the Spanish and British forces decided they did not have the stomach for more war.

The French, with the support of Mexican conservatives, continued the fight in anticipation of creating a monarchy in Mexico. Initially the French forces were defeated on May 5th, the Cinco de Mayo, 1862 at the battle of Puebla.

It is this date that Mexicans celebrate as a symbol of their resolve to keep Mexico free. It empowered Mexicans with a pride that would later prove essential in helping them win the war. After the defeat of his forces at Puebla, Napoleon sent reinforcements to Mexico in June of 1863, thus extending the Mexicans' struggle for freedom until the final ousting of the French in 1867.

The battle of Puebla had been the inspiration, but the hero of the war was the President of Mexico, Benito Juarez. Juarez was a humble Indian from Oaxaca who had been the main leader of the liberal movement since the start of the 1858 civil war with the conservatives. Economic and political turmoil continued until control of the country came under the control of General Porfirio Diaz in 1876, but it was the inspiration and struggles of Cinco do Mayo, and Benito Juarez, that made it all possible. ▼

Cinco de Mayo Celebration This Weekend

by La Guía staff

The United Court of the Rising Sun Empire, under the direction of Rick Martinez, will host a celebration of Cinco de Mayo this Saturday, May 7, at the Hide & Seek Complex in Colorado Springs. La Guía will be involved by providing an information table and participating in the festivities. Activities planned for the evening include a chili cook off, an auction, life performers and Latin dance music.

Proceeds from the event will benefit La Guía. Individuals interested in participating in the chili cook off can call the La Guía Hotline at (719) 473-6771. ▼

La Guía's News Briefs

and Calendar of Events

by La Guía staff

Plans for participation in the Denver and Colorado Springs PrideFest festivities are being finalized. Currently ideas are still being accepted, and volunteers to create a new banner and booth are being sought.

Organizers for our new Denver Division are still being recruited. Due to our expanded services and growing membership, "special orientations" are available to Denver members to help expedite the creation of their division. Proposals for the Lower Arkansas Valley and New Mexico Divisions have been

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put on hold until further notice.

La Guía and Ground Zero are co sponsoring José Zuniga as Grand Marshal for the Colorado Springs Pride Parade and Rally. Details are still being worked out, but La Guía has been assured that Mr. Zuniga will most likely be able to attend.

The PPGLCC Caucus is being well received, but the caucus fund is in dire need of money to function smoothly. If you have any ideas for raising a more stable income for the caucus fund, the Steering Committee would welcome your input.

The People of Color Arts & Crafts Show surfaced ideas of creating an Arts and Crafts team to be supported by La Guía. Initial ideas include promoting and supporting the team by making the La Guía booth available for future festivals, pridefests and outdoor events in exchange for exposure and a possible percentage fee. If you're interested in selling your arts and crafts, contact us through the Hotline.

Proposals for a new statewide support and information AIDS network for Latinos and Hispanics is in the works. Input and support staff of the new program are needed. La Guía will sponsor the program, but it is hoped that participation will include all the state's Hispanic and Latino groups.

La Guía will sponsor NOCHE DIVERSIDAD at the MGM in Denver on Saturday, May 28. Activities being proposed are performances including singers, modern and flamenco dancers, renditions by Aviva Diamond, and dancing to your favorite Latin tunes. Flyers and more specific information will be sent out soon.

Lenny Jaramillo of Denver, who is best known for his "Living With AIDS" column in *Out Front*, was recognized by La Gente Unida of Denver for his 14 years of service to the L/B/G and Latino communities. Lenny is also involved with the People With AIDS Coalition.

***La Carta* staff members need writers**, reporters and support staff. If you're interested in getting involved with the newsletter, get in touch with us. The *La Carta* staff also encourages anyone to submit articles, stories or poems.

Have you received your membership card yet? If you signed up with La Guía prior to the middle of April and have not received your membership card, or 1-800 number, call us. We will send it to you immediately!

MAY 7 -- Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Hide & Seek Complex, Colorado Springs.

MAY 14 -- La Guía Steering Committee meeting and dinner, 6:00 pm, Colorado Springs. Specific location to be announced.

MAY 15 -- Deadline for submissions to *La Carta*.

MAY 28 -- Noche Diversidad (Diversity Night) at Denver's MGM.

JUNE 11 -- La Guía Steering Committee meeting, Denver. Specific location to be announced. ▼

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Religion

New Church Extends Welcome To the Community

by CV Staff

Sancta Sophia Independent Catholic church is a new sacramental and education based community opening in Colorado Springs, offering its first Divine Liturgy on June 19th. Prior to that, ongoing enquirer's classes are held on Wednesday evenings, introducing the history of the Independent Catholic Movement, the traditional as well as esoteric and metaphysical meaning of the Sacraments and the Mass or Divine Liturgy.

Sancta Sophia practices open communion, extending the Eucharist to all baptized persons seeking the Sacraments, the Christian path, and a deeper spiritual understanding of a contemplative and esoteric approach to worship and study. In an inclusive atmosphere of God's unconditional love, all persons are welcome without conditions of race, creed of origin, sex or sexual orientation. In the tradition of the Independent Catholic movement, and the primitive Orthodox Churches, Sancta Sophia adheres to individual freedom of conscience regarding fine points

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f doctrinal interpretation.

The church maintains a chartered branch ivision of the Seminary of St. Mary, our Lady of lastonbury, headquartered in Yellow Jacket, CO, ffering resident classes for credit and non credit in eligious studies, and is authorized by the State of olorado to grant degrees in Associate of Arts, Bachlor of Ministry, Bachelor of Sacred Theology, Masters Ministry, Sacred Theology and Doctor of Sacred heology.

The church's Pastor and branch Seminary nstructor, the Reverend Michael Foster, brings a nique pastoral counseling and education ministry to ancta sophia with over 24 years of metaphysical ounseling and work as a professional in he holistic ealing arts. With a Bachelor's in Theology, religious raining in the Western (Roman) Catholic and Eastern rthodox Church, Holy Orders with the New Order of lastonbury and an extensive metaphysical and soteric background with the Rosicrucian Order and ne Self Realization Fellowship, he brings a synthesis f experience and education to the Parish.

Sancta Sophia carries an Apostolic Succession nat is from both the Western (Roman Catholic), and ne Eastern Orthodox lines. As an Independent atholic Church, however, it has no ties with Papal ome.

With this unique blend of Apostolic traditions in iew, Liturgies and rites that combine and retain both ne Byzantine and the Western elements will be elebrated. Traditional baptisms, matrimony and uneral rites as well as special aninting and healing ervices will be held. In addition, because of the hurch Order's unique mission and canons, simpler, ondenominational rites of matrimony, funeral and ealing services can also be administered.

Classes on eastern and western methods of ontemplative worship,k mystical infusion, Hesychia, r stillness, will be incorporated. Bible study from a raditional as well as an esoteric and metaphysical erspective will also be taught.

For information about enquirer's classes, or eligious courses offered, contact the rectory at 475-273, or write the Colorado Springs Division of the eminary of St. Mary, Our Lady of Glastonbury, at .O. Box 1173, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-1173. ▼

The PPGLCC Application is on page 8, as usual

Simple Justice

Simple Justice Wants You to Know...

by Simple Justice staff

"The first thing I'll do upon election is implement Amendment 2, and no judge in this state is going to keep me from doing it. If he does, he'll find the National Guard in his courtroom and he'll be arrested."

Those are the words of Phil Klingsmith, Republican candidate for governor, lawyer and chairman of the Business and Accounting department at Western State University (a state funded place of "higher" learning). Although Mr. Klingsmith has since withdrawn from the governor's race, the fact that he got as far as he did is utterly frightening. Also, the other candidates at the event had somewhat milder things to say but nonetheless agreed with Klingsmith's views on Amendment 2.

If that statement on its own is not enough to convince you of the very real and pressing need of an organization called Simple Justice, let me try you out on another one: Senate Resolution 94-1: "*...the promotion of obscenity may be controlled by the State and by any city, town, city and county, or county, whether statutory or home rule.*" This bill is in the Judiciary Committee of the Colorado State Senate, one of the first steps in determining if it will appear on the ballot in November, 1994.

Just for fun (sic) let's talk more about this one. What if Mr. Klingsmith or anyone else with similar views were governor or mayor, and this anti pornographic bill were law? It could and I'm sure would affect many things that we take for granted. What if the word "dyke" were considered to be pornographic? "Dykes to Watch Out For" could be grounds to sue *New Phazes* and put them out of business.

How about AIDS, AIDS education, lesbian health care issues? Why, my poor brain nearly pops with all of the possibilities of new ways to attack us. Truthfully, this one is much scarier to me than Amendment 2 in a lot of ways, because there are no real legal definitions of obscenity. Imagine Tebedo's New Fundamentalist Dictionary!!

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Simple Justice is a political action committee, the only organization in Colorado Springs specifically concerned with political issues that affect the GLBT community.

We see our mission as twofold.

First, to educate our community about how our participation (and non participation) affects change. Part of that education is realizing that Amendment 2 is only one very small piece of the attack against us. English Only, the "CHILD" law (SCR 94-1), school vouchers, school board elections and activities, etc., are but a few examples of the political challenges that threaten us.

Second is to provide our community with as much information as possible so that we may participate fully in the political process. Simple Justice recognizes that the political arena may not be everyone's chosen vehicle for change. We do believe, however, that everyone's contribution to change, regardless of what it is, is critically important to our movement.

With that in mind, we ask that you help us by being on our completely (totally!) confidential mailing list so that we can provide you with the information you need to make informed decisions. It probably goes without saying that we'll ask for money occasionally!

Information is the most valuable asset we have to share. Without you, we don't have that information. Please...call us, write us, fax us, anything to get information to us. Simple Justice can, with the help of everyone in Southern Colorado, represent our community as a powerful, diverse constituency.

The information you need is: Simple Justice, P.O. Box 93, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Telephone: (719) 528-6920. ▼

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Transgendered Rights Transgressed

Our nation's Imperial Court system raises over a million dollars each year for the gay & lesbian community, putting on fund raising shows for people with AIDS, supplying the money that keeps many gay & lesbian community centers and organizations afloat. This is a group of generous, compassionate people who have always been a vital part of the gay community, as well as making up a respectable percentage of the transgender community, and the instigators of the Stonewall riot 25 years ago, which officially set forth the gay rights movement as we know it today.

The title "transgender" includes all people who challenge society's definition of proper dress and given gender identity. Less than 5 percent of American gay & lesbian organization have included the word "transgender" in their title. Ever since the airing of the San Francisco pride parade, and the religious right's push for anti gay laws, the transgender community has been a hard pill to swallow for mainstream gays. Gay people must realize that bending their appearance and conduct to appease the religious right will leave us with a meaningless victory in our struggle for equal rights.

The gay & lesbian people are holding out one hand to the transgender people for money, and slapping us in the face with the other. Washington's anti gay proposals have included all of the GLTB community, and threats from Utah [make it clear they want] to make cross dressing illegal. Because of the religious right's inclusion of transgender, and the gay community's exclusion, a population of people largely in the closet, who have no public educational organizations and few resources, have been left to fend for themselves.

Transgender leadership has called for a protest of Stonewall 25 because of our exclusion. I support the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy's (ICTLEP) protest, but could never raise a hand against my gay, lesbian and bisexual brothers and sisters. I prefer to view the

uation as a business deal rip off, where the person error must live with his bad conscience for eternity.

"You have thrown us to the wolves," says mbda Transgender Peoples Association. Main-eam gays and lesbians no longer want their image rnished by those embarrassing drag queens. anks for the money, sucker. LTPA hopes the perial Courts will accept the title "transgender" and t off the flow of money to the gay community until are included. LTPA hopes the Imperial Courts will ntinue to support people with AIDS, and turn all ner fund raising to support of the homeless until the le of "transgender" is included by a majority of gay, bian and bisexual organizations.

Christy Wood,
Transgender Rights Advocate ▼

Where Can We Order Pizza???

om GLAAD/NY's Bulletin

Fast food giant Domino's Pizza awarded its nual humanitarian award to James Dobson, presi-nt of Focus on the Family, a large, right wing ganization located in Colorado Springs.

Focus on the Family played a vital role in the passage of Colorado's anti gay Amendment 2.

Let Domino's know that their decision to honor a notorious homophobe gives us indigestion! Deliver your message (in 30 minutes of less) to: Tim McIntyre, Director of Public Relations, Domino's Pizza, P.O. Box 997, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. ▼

News From the Outside World

by GayNet News Service
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Election of Gay Man as College Student President Voided

WINSTON, N.C. (Apr. 24 GayNet) — Mark Holtzman, the only openly gay student at Barton College, was one of 8 student officers elected earlier in April but are being disqualified by the school's administration. Although the 7 other students were being

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More News From the Outside

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refused their offices because their grade averages were too low at the time, the campus newspaper reported that the administration had disqualified Holtzman because of his "lifestyle" and that school officials had decided to interpret the student constitution so as to block him from taking office as student body president. Student officers say they believe the school used the grade point slippage as a "smokescreen" to cover up the administration's real motives in voiding the election of Holtzman. In an editorial in the The Collegiate the campus papers said, "Many people think the administration is upset because one of the candidates is homosexual. [We] seriously hope our administration isn't ignorant enough to use their fear of homosexuality to void an election." Rights activists are asking letters of protest against the disqualification be sent to: Bobby White, Vice-President of Student Life or James Hemby, President, Barton College, Barton College Station, Wilson, NC 27893.

Lesbian & Gay Congressional Aides Organize

WASHINGTON (Apr. 24 GayNet) — The Congressional Roll Call reports that a group of Capitol Hill employees has gotten approve from House Speaker Tom Foley (D-Wash.) to start the Lesbian & Gay Congressional Staff Assn., to look after the general welfare of Congressional staffers. The group still requires approval of the House Administration Committee, which is expected soon. Approval will give the employee group House mail privileges and use of office space at the Capitol complex. The group said it was prompted to form the association because of reports in the Tulsa World and other papers that 3 Representatives from Oklahoma said they would not hire any openly gay staff members. The 5 founders of the association are: David Vershure with the office of Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-Colo.), Robert Raben, an aide to Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Mark Agrast in the office of Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.), Victor Castillo in the office of Rep. Bob Filner (D-Calif.), and Karen Anderson, in the office of Rep. Jolene Unsoeld (D-Wash.).

University of N.M. Extends Partner Benefits

ALBUQUERQUE (Apr. 24 GayNet) — According to a new policy at the school, employees and faculty a the University of New Mexico will be eligible to get health insurance and other benefits for their domesti partners. The new benefits program extends to the partners of gay and lesbian employees the same benefits now available to the spouses of married workers at the school.

HIV Bloody Art Barred in Sweden

STOCKHOLM (Apr. 25 GayNet) — The Swedish Health Ministry has prohibited the sale of works by the U.S. artist Barton L. Benes, who is infected with HIV, because many of the pieces contain his blood. Health officials banned the exhibit of his works as a possible health risk. One work includes a bottle of Benes' blood, another a squirt-gun that shoots drops of his blood.

Seattle Pride Event Off This Year?

SEATTLE (Apr. 25 GayNet) — The Seattle Gay News reports that the city's annual Pride Festival th week before the Seattle Freedom Day Parade and Rally may be canceled this year because the independent organization cannot locate anyone willing to manage the event this year so far. The Freedom Day events will go on as usual.

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Network Q Video Magazine to Relocate?

ATLANTA (Apr. 25 GayNet) — According to Atlanta's Etc. magazine, Network Q, the lesbian/gay video magazine is expected to relocate from its current home base in Albuquerque to Atlanta shortly. According to the magazine, Network Q expects to have the relocation to Atlanta completed by Memorial Day weekend.

Coach Sues Baptist University over AIDS Firing

RALEIGH, N.C. (Apr. 26 GayNet) — A Baptist-run Campbell University gym coach has filed a lawsuit under the Americans with Disabilities Act because the religious school fired him when if discovered he has AIDS. The "John Doe" suit was filed after the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission investigated Doe's complain last year. The EEOC is also seeking an injunction against the university from further bias against campus employees infected with HIV. The university learned of Doe's illness when he took time off last year because of bout of AIDS-related pneumonia. Officials with the school declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Gay Marriage Ban Moves Forward in Hawaii

HONOLULU (Apr. 26 GayNet) — The Hawaii state House of Representatives has approved by a wide 35-12 margin a bill, already approved by the state Senate, that defines marriage as a legal contract only between a man and a woman. The measure, which Gov. John Waihee is expected to sign, also includes a warning for the state's courts not to become embroiled in the controversy around same-sex marriages, claiming interpreting marriage licensing is the exclusive domain of the state legislature. The state Supreme Court last year ruled that the state must prove in a lower court a "compelling interest" if it wants to block same-sex marriages, virtually setting the stage for the lower court to order the state to issue licenses to gay and lesbian couples.

Boston PBS Station & Others May Take on 'More Tales'

BOSTON (Apr.. 26 GayNet) — According to Variety, the entertainment magazine, Boston's WGBH public broadcasting station has been talking with other major PBS affiliates around the U.S. about the possibility of jointly funding production of "More Tales of the City," a proposed sequel to the popular British mini-series that aired on PBS early this year. PBS has backed out of co-funding the sequel, reportedly because of pressure from anti-bay far-right religious groups that found the series offensive. "Tales" garnered enormous ratings in most major TV markets when it first aired on PBS in January.

'Equal Time' Shuts Down in Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS (Apr. 26 GayNet) — Equal Time, a leading lesbian and gay newspaper in Minneapolis has folded after 11 years of publishing, less than a year after it moved from a biweekly to a weekly publishing schedule. The paper reportedly as debts of more than $60,000, and its closure leaves the city without any gay newspapers now publishing.

Australian Gov't Gives $13 to Fight HIV in Indonesia

SYDNEY (Apr. 26 GayNet) — The Australian government has set aside over $13 million as part of an effort to aid in fighting the spread of HIV in Indonesia. "The Australia-Indonesia project will play an important role in preventing the spread of the disease in the Asia-Pacific region," said Bordon Bilney, the Australian minister of Development Cooperation. The effort will focus on developing community-based AIDS organizations. Although there are only 200 reported case of

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AIDS in Indonesia now, government health officials say there are as many as 20,000 people in the country infected with the virus.

Condom Ad Wars Expected in New York Subways This June

NEW YORK (Apr. 26 GayNet) — The subways of New York may turn into a flash-point this June - right in the middle of the Stonewall25 celebration and Gay Games IV - because the Catholic League will be paying for some 2,500 posters in the massive underground system advocating abstinence. According to a spokesman for the league, the ads will insist that condoms don't work and that only abstinence is "foolproof." AIDS and gay rights activists in the city and around the country are not happy about the ad campaign - especially during the June celebration that is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of people from around the world.

Coast Guard Bars Anti-Gay Bias for Civilian Workers

WASHINGTON (Apr. 27 GayNet) — The U.S. Coast Guard issued a revised directive clarifying anti-bias protections to gay and lesbian civilian workers after it decided an earlier policy statement as vague enough that it could appear to include military personnel as well.

In a single-page statement, the agency said, "The U.S. Coast Guard today rescinded letters on civilian personnel diversity policy because they appeared to constitute a major policy change for Coast Guard active duty military members."

The original directive was issued in March and stated that "all Coast Guard members" would not be denied equal opportunities because of their sexual orientation. In revising the policy, the Coast Guard said its original directive "was erroneous in that it could be read to apply to military members, which was not the intent."

The new directive, dated yesterday, states: "Equality of treatment and opportunity for civilian Coast Guard members without regard to race, color, religion, gender, ethnic groups, cultural backgrounds, age, sexual orientation, or disability is the policy of the Coast Guard."

The Coast Guard is under the Department of Transportation's office, but generally follows Pentagon

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policy, which currently does not include anti-bias language based on sexual orientation.

AIDS Protest in Canadian Legislature

TORONTO (Apr. 27 GayNet) — AIDS activists disrupted the Ontario legislature to protest what it sees as the government's failure to provide a drug-funding program for people stricken with catastrophic illnesses. The activists said people infected with HIV often spend $2,000 a month on medicines and insist the government should underwrite such urgent and exorbitant medical expenses for Canadians as it had promised to do.

Author John Preston Dead

PORTLAND, Maine (Apr. 27 GayNet) — Author, gay rights activist and one-time Advocate editor John Preston has died of an AIDS-related illness. He was 48 years of age. Preston wrote some 40 books during his life as an activist that ranged from Minneapolis to San Francisco to Maine.

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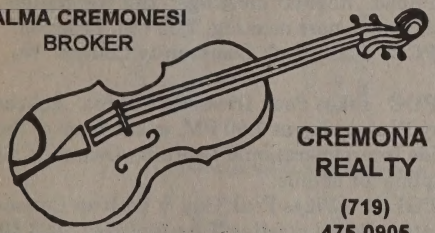

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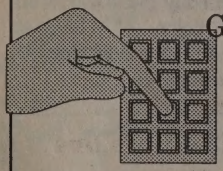

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crisis intervention

Still more news around the country

UCLA's Mega-AIDS Class

LOS ANGELES (Apr. 28 GayNet) — The Los Angeles Times reports that the most popular class in the University of California at Los Angeles is "AIDS and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases." The paper says the class, started in 1989 with only a dozen students, now has 1,200 enrolled. The course registration has swollen so much in fact that UCLA is setting aside the schools' grand ballroom to accommodate the overflow class. UCLA administrators say the reason for the surge is simple: college students are very sexually active and they understand the importance of learning about how to prevent HIV & STDs.

Traveling Tips - Part 1

SAN FRANCISCO (Apr. 25 GayNet) — Um, just for the record, the gay and lesbian travel magazine Out & About reports that San Francisco is the No. 1 city in the U.S. in HIV transmission rates; Richmond, Va., ranked first in gonorrhea infections; and St. Louis, Mo., came in first in syphilis.

Traveling Tips - Part 2

SAN FRANCISCO (Apr. 27 GayNet) — The good folks at Good Vibrations, billed as the world's largest emporium of "personal products," has a new item to help cut the boredom of those tedious airplane flights: a handy traveling battery operated vibrator. "You'll be grateful during those long plane flights when you want something to alleviate the boredom," boasts the company's mail order catalog. "Use an extra pillow or blanket to muffle the sound or try the restroom for some privacy," it suggests.

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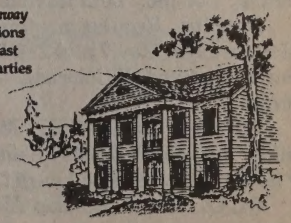

TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS REGULAR FRIDAY MEETINGS AT PPGL COMMUNITY CENTER

Transsexual, transvestite and transgendered persons in the Pikes Peak area can now attend a regular support group at 6 pm every Friday at the PPGL Community Center.

This support group is sponsored by the Gender Identity Center of Colorado. For more information, call Samantha Van Gelder, 635-1098.

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DIGNITY SUPPORT GROUP. 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Thursday, May 19. Call 635-5773 for details.

HOMES FOR SALE: Westside and Central. Call recording for addresses and information. TOM HALFAST, Century 21 Cornerstone, 527-3268.

Group Meetings May, 1994

B-GALA, CC. Bisexual-Gay And Lesbian Alliance, Colorado College. No report.

B-GALA, UCCS. Bisexual-Gay And Lesbian Alliance, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. No report.

CGRA. Colorado Gay Rodeo Association. Regular meetings: 1st Monday (May 2) membership meeting, 7:30 PM. 3rd Monday (May 16) board meeting, 7:00 pm. Both at Hide & Seek.

Dignity. Regular meetings: Mass on 1st and 3rd Saturdays (May 7 and 21), 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart Church, 21st and W Colorado. Call 635-5773 for details.

FLO. For Ladies Only. Meets every other Friday; this month on May 6 and 20. Call the Helpline for details, 471-4429, or Laurie, 473-6372.

GLAA. Gay & Lesbian Alsoholics Anonymous. Regular meetings: Mondays, Fridays, 8:00 pm. Call Helpline for locations.

GLASG. Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Support Group. Regular meetings: Wednesdays, 6:00 pm. Call Helpline for locations and other details.

The Group. No report.

La Guía. Cinco de Mayo celebration at Hide & Seek, May 7. *Noche Diversidad* all evening at the MGM in Denver. Details on page 28 of this issue.

LBGF. Lesbian-Bisexual-Gay Families. Regular meetings: 2nd Sunday (May 8), 10:30 AM, call Carol or Shellie for location: 570-1599.

Monarch House. There are boxes located in Colorado Springs businesses for food donations, as well as donations of other household goods, to help PLWAs, and to help stock the food bank for Monarch House.

MCC. Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church. Regular meetings: Sunday church, 5:00 PM; choir rehearsal Sundays, 3:30 PM. Bingo Fridays at 7:00 PM, Saturdays at noon.

NP. *New Phazes*. Call 634-0236 for time and location of monthly collating party.

P-FLAG. Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays. Garage Sale Saturday, May 14, at 26 South Chelton Road. Regular meetings: 2nd Wednesday. 6:00 PM, Newcomers meeting; 7:00 PM, Program.

PPCC. Pikes Peak Community College. No report.

PPDC. Pikes Peak Diversity Chorus. Rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:00 PM, music room of the West Side Intergenerational Learning Center. Call the Helpline for details.

PPGLCC. Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center. Board meeting Tuesday, May 10,,7:00 pm at the PPGLCC office, 121 East Pikes Peak, Suite 468. Call the Helpline for additional details.

S-CAP. Southern Colorado AIDS Project. Regular meetings: Board, 2nd Tuesday (May 10), 5:30 PM at the S-CAP office, 514 South Tejon.

UCRSE. United Court of the Rising Sun Empire. Events listed on page 11 of this issue. .▼

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Events Calendar

LEGEND

CGRA - Colorado Gay Rodeo Ass'n
B-GALA - Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Alliance: Colorado College
CP - Citizens Project
Dignity - 635-5773
FLO - For Ladies Only
GLAA - Gay & Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
GLASG - Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Support Group
The Group - The Group: Gay Educators Pot Luck Social
LBGF - Les-Bi-Gay Families
LG - La Gula
MCC - Metropolitan Community Church
NP - *New Phazes*
OSG - Open Support Group
PA2 - Pueblo After 2
P-FLAG - Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
PPDC - Pikes Peak Diversity Chorus
PPJP - Pikes Pkea Justice & Peace
S-CAP - Southern Colorado AIDS Project (578-9092)
TGSG - Transgender Support Group
UCRSE - United Court of the Rising Sun Empire

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 3:30 - MCC Choir 5:00 - MCC	**2** 7:00 - UCRSE Bingo 7:30 - CGRA M'Ship 8:00 - GLAA	**3**	**4** 6:00 - GLASG 7:00 - PPDC 7:30 - OSG	**5** 7:00 - Center Bingo	**6** 6:00 - TGSG 7:00 - MCC Bingo 8:00 - GLAA	**7** All Day-LG's Cinco de Mayo, H&S 7:00 - Dignity
8 3:30 - MCC Choir 5:00 - MCC	**9** 7:00 - UCRSE Bingo 8:00 - GLAA	**10** 5:30 - S-CAP Board 7:00 - PPGLCC Board	**11** 5:30 - P-FLAG 6:00 - GLASG 7:00 - PPDC 7:30 - OSG 8:00 - *NP* Meeting	**12** 7:00 - Center Bingo	**13** 6:00 - TGSG 7:00 - MCC Bingo 8:00 - GLAA	**14** 8:00A-Hiway Cleanup 10:00A - P-FLAG's Garage Sale 6:00 - LG Steering 8:00 - Sock Hop, H&S
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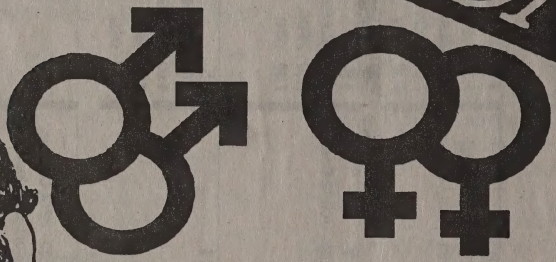

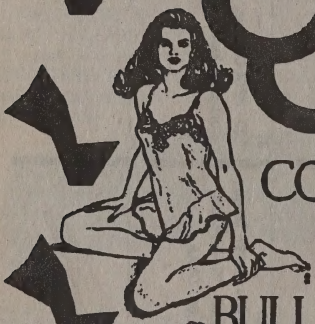

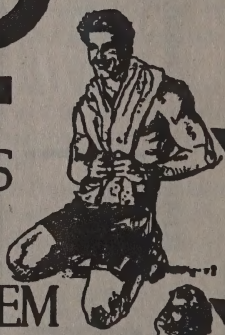

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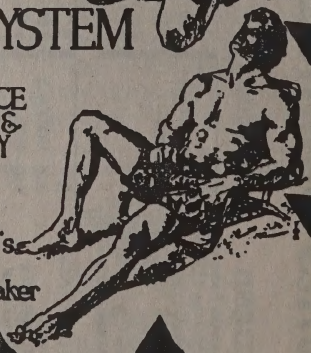

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